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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

YOSHIDA ET AL.

Examiner

Chau N. Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,6,7,9,11 and 13-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4,5,8,10 and 12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).
3. Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9, 11, and 13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mori et al. (6,242,825) in view of Ford (2,320,922).

Mori et al. discloses a coil for an electric rotating machine (Fig. 4) comprising a conductor configured by bundling a plurality of square strands and stacking the square strands like a coil with Roebel transposition, a mica tape (Fig. 5) which is wound a plurality of layers around on an outer surface of the conductor and made up a mica paper (31) and a cloth backing material (32), an insulation layer formed with impregnating and curing resin (col. 7, lines 51-55) between the wound layers of the mica tape, inorganic particles (col. 8, lines 1-9) supported with the mica tape using an adhesive comprising a first component having mutual dissolubility with the impregnating resin (col. 8, lines 14-43).

Mori et al. does not specifically disclose the adhesive containing a glue insoluble in the impregnated resin (re claims 1, 2, 13, 16). Ford discloses high voltage coil insulation comprising an adhesive composition containing a glue insoluble in a dielectric material, wherein the glue is polyvinyl alcohol or polyvinyl acetal (page 2, col. 1, lines 37-74) (re claims 3, 5, 7, 9, 11). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to use the glue component as taught by Ford in the adhesive of Mori et al. to secure the inorganic particles of Mori et al. within the mica tape and to bond the turns of the mica tape to each other.

Mori et al. also discloses the inorganic particles including aluminum nitride (re claim 6), aluminum oxide (re claims 14 and 17), or boron nitride (re claims 15

and 18). Re claims 1, 2, 13 and 16, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to choose a suitable amount of glue component taught by Ford in the adhesive of Mori et al. to meet the specific use of the resulting tape since it has been held that discovering an optimum value by trial and error is just a matter of an obvious choice.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 4, 5, 8, 10 and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art of record does not teach or suggest a coil comprising all the features as recited in the claims and in combination with the second glue component being contained in the adhesive in an amount of 0.5wt% to 5wt% with respect to the adhesive (re claims 4, 5, 8, 10 and 12).

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 2, 13 and 16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chau N. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-1980. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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